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SUBJECT: PHENACETIN FOUND CARCINOGENIC

1. ON JUNE 17, MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND WELFARE ANNOUNCED
THAT PHENACETIN, WIDELY USED IN JAPAN AS ANALGESIC, IS
CARCINOGENIC.

2. ANNOUNCEMENT BASED ON ANIMAL TESTS CONDUCTED BY
DR. ODASHIMA AND HIS GROUP AT NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF
HYGIENIC SCIENCES, WITH MHW CANCER RESEARCH GRANTS.

3. IN ORDER TO RESTRICT USE OF PHENACETIN, MHW DECIDED
ON A SET OF MEASURES INCLUDING ADVISING ALL HOSPITALS
AND CLINICS NOT TO ADMINISTER PHENACETIN IN LARGE
QUANTITIES OVER LONG PERIOD OF TIME AND COMPULSORY
LABELING ON CONTAINERS OF MEDICINES CONTAINING PHENACETIN
INDICATING THAT IT IS CARCINOGENIC.

4. JAPAN PRODUCED 232 TONS OF PHENACETIN IN 1976.

5. MINISTRY ACTION TO CONTROL USE OF PHENACETIN
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CAME AFTER COMMITTEE ON SIDE-EFFECTS OF THE CENTRAL
PHARMACEUTICAL AFFAIRS COUNCIL CONCLUDED THAT
CHEMICAL TENDS TO INDUCE CANCER WHEN TAKEN IN LARGE
QUANTITIES. COMMITTEE NOTES, HOWEVER, THAT ITS
CARCINOGENIC EFFECT IS NOT STRONG.

6. MHW HAS BEEN ADVISING AGAINST USE OF PHENACETIN

IN LARGE DOSES FOR SEVERAL YEARS IN VIEW OF REPORTS FROM U.S. AND CANADA THAT IT TENDS TO CAUSE KIDNEY AILMENTS.

7. DR. ODASHIMA'S GROUP OBSERVED TWO GROUPS OF 50 WHITE RATS EACH FOR 18 MONTHS, GIVING THEM FEED CONTAINING 1.25 PER CENT AND 2.5 PERCENT OF PHENACETIN RESPECTIVELY. TESTS SHOWED THAT 32 PER CENT OF MALE RATS AND 6 PER CENT OF FEMALE ONES IN GROUP GIVEN 2.5 PER CENT OF PHENACETIN DEVELOPED CANCER. IN GROUP GIVEN FEED CONTAINING 1.25 PER CENT OF THE COMPOUND, 15 PER CENT OF MALE RATS AND 3 PER CENT OF FEMALE RATS WERE FOUND TO HAVE CANCEROUS GROWTHS. NONE OF THE SAME NUMBER OF RATS IN CONTROL GROUPS DEVELOPED CANCER. CANCER OF NASAL CAVITY SHOWED HIGHEST INCIDENCE, FOLLOWED BY CANCER OF KIDNEY AND CANCER OF BLADDER.

8. MHW IS PREPARING BRIEF REPORT ON TEST RESULTS TO FORWARD TO FDA UNDER CONTINUING JAPAN/U.S. PROGRAM FOR INFORMATION EXCHANGE IN HEALTH AND WELFARE.
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